

THE JOCKEY CLUB.

THIRD DAY OF THE MEETING

The Ladies Out in Force to See
the Hurdle Race.

The Grand Stand and the Course
Crowded with Visitors.

A Small Field for the Hurdle Race,
and No Accidents.

Watson the Winner of the Jerome Stakes,
Gindel the Winner of the Hurdle Race,
and Luther the Winner of the Dash.

THE BETTING ON THE COURSE.

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The third day of the American Jockey Club opened promisingly, the weather being bright and inviting and the attendance almost as large as on the first day. Notably, the ladies came out in great force; for among the ladies who profess to know the sex over that they would not miss a hurdle race for the world. The grand stand was crowded on the upper tier, and thickly studded on the lower one, and from the club stand on the heights the cream of New York society, arrayed in the most dazzling of costumes, witnessed the racing. But here we find it to be our duty, as impartial journalists, to find grave fault with the club, although with the most gaudy regret. It was clear to the most superficial observer that the ladies had come out especially yesterday with an object. In all well regulated hurdle races there are some accidents, more or less grave. There is almost a certainty that somebody will get his neck broken, or his collar bone put out, or his head pounded into a jelly. Why, then, did the Jockey Club depart from this old established precedent? surely a fatal accident might have been managed in deference to the sex. At least they should have been apprised by a compound fracture. But no! The ladies cheered with their handkerchiefs, and clapped their little hands in ecstasy as the horses approached the hurdles, but no rewards rewarded their watchful anxiety. The fact is incredible! One thing is certain: if the club does not wish to lose caste with the ladies it must improve a calamity with despatch or its chances of fashionable patronage are forever gone.

Curiously, however, the hurdle race was a very hollow affair. As the horses approached the jumps they seemed to score many extra exertions, knowing well that if they could not jump them they could knock them down. Indeed it was the case with two of the horses, the top scalding of the hurdle—not eighteen inches in height—being carried away at the first jump. This coincided with the bad running of Yellowhammer and the lagging of Ziegag. made the race only exciting to those who knew nothing at all about it. It was with infinite difficulty that the ladies could get a good view of the race, and were therefore compelled to sit in the boxes, and were unable to remain. Known to General Williams was not to start, the winning the race was a foregone conclusion. Nevertheless, in view of a possible accident, there were many who backed Ziegag, and in view of the fact that he had been so poorly placed as to deprive him of a chance. Among the ladies on the stand the race was spoken of in contemptuous terms, and various opinions were offered on the bad show made by Ziegag. The Canadian and English entries were well received, and the result of the race was not to the credit of the Americans.

The second race was looked forward to with much more interest, and the result showed that the cognoscentes were right in their estimate of the merits of the horses. One point said Dr. Underwood, for instance, was as follows:

Watson..... \$650. Out. 1,000.
Eliza..... 125. 700. 725. 700.
Encountress..... 100. 320. 310. 305.
Loco..... 20. 24. 27. 25.

It was necessary to explain what "out" signifies that the pool was made up without the favorite (Alexander's Watson, by Lexington), so were the sportsmen of his landing his colors first at the post. At the termination of the first heat of this race 100 to 5 was laid on Watson, with a few odds, and the result was that he was beaten by the favorite. The accident didn't occur, and Watson won the "jerome" amid the plaudits of the thousands assembled round the course.

The third race created little excitement among the English ones, but the good deal on the race, where Luther was the favorite, was extremely well watched, the racers with eagerness, and were rewarded by a brave struggle towards the finish. The grand stand seemed in a tumult of excitement as the horses turned into the quarter stretch very close together, and the giants with green ribbons of victory. The victory of Luther was the general verdict of both sides.

"THE QUARTER STRETCH." Immediately after each race those specially interested in its result move simultaneously towards the privileged residence of the owner and manager of the horse, known as the quarter stretch. Here the esteemed and wealthy Mr. Alexander, owner of Asteroid, Watson, and a magnificent stable of other turf celebrities; Mr. John Hunter, who enters Kentucky, Arcola and others; Mr. Cameron, who is getting together a new stable; Mr. Fenton, Mr. Tammie, and a host of others, gather together in a hasty conversation on the pecularities of the race. Members of the club and members of the press gather round the horses as they canter back to the winning post to be clothed, and an eager little crowd surrounds the jockeying jockeys, and the racing men, who enter to be weighed. If the race is one of "scat," the effect of the running on the horses is eagerly watched, and betting becomes brisk as the single animal sounds for the track to be cleared. If Mr. Brough or Mr. Tammie present upon the scene, one sees an improbable number of people would have led him to remonstrate with the owner of Knighthood, who decided to have that gallant little horse slightly bled to refresh him for the next heat. When the bars of his mouth were slightly loosened and the blood was let out, he was again mounted and seemed at a loss to know what to make of it. He stood by with darkening countenance, clad in hand, as though prepared upon the shortest notice to cut the horse or take the jockey into custody. Befitting himself that it was better to be beaten before than either that was to be animal or not, he withdrew to a bystander who was eying the operation with every outward token of approval.

"I say, Colonel C——, what's the meaning of that? What's he bleeding the poor creature for?"

"Nothing (doggily). Refresh him, is it? It's not that way I'd like to be refreshed, at any rate."

The Colonel pleasantly hinted that the bar was situated behind the grand stand, and passed on. The romanesque returned to an excited angle concert with a woudle without a ticket.

"NIGHT RACE."

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"THE RACES."

As the races were on Monday those of yesterday equalled them in interest and excitement, and the company being much larger, the demonstrations of pleasure and applause were more remarkable. The first was the hurdle race, two miles over eight hurdles. Two Canadian horses were engaged, Ziegag and Clarendon, formerly called Nightlock; the Ziegag was Tennessee and Yellowhammer, a mare, from Boston, and General Williams. The owners of General Williams and Ziegag

not like the weight, and the former kept out of the race, while the latter ran his horse with shells on. It appeared, however, in the result, that if Ziegag had been plated, and man to wife, he could have done more, and some said that he did well, and that he may as well as that bring. The second race was the "Jerome Race," mile heats, for three year old horses. The field was greatly thinned out; for only four started out of twenty-nine entries. The chestnut colt Watson, by Lexington, out of Anna Watson, the dam of Rhinegold, was the first to start, and he ran a mile and a half, with allowances for legless horses. Loadstone and Knighthood having been beaten, and with the allowance, Luther started with his full weight. It was an even start for him. Luster was in a position to run him down, but he was not recovered from his desperate race with Delaware and Arcola the day before. He ran well under the circumstances, and made a good race, but he was too far behind. 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